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SUBJECT: PUNISHMENT OF MELOY AND WARING MURDERERS

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1. FAHMY AGREES TO USE OF EGYPTIAN GOOD OFFICES IN CONNECTION WITH PLO INVESTIGATION OF MELOY/WARING MURDERS. CLAIMS HE HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM ABU IYAD IN RESPONSE EARLIER EGYPTIAN REQUEST, AT OUR BEHEST, INDICATING ACTUAL KILLER(S) NOT KNOWN BUT THEY CAME FROM COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY OF LEBANON. ABU IYAD READY TO EXPOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED, BUT FOR POLITICAL REASONS FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO DO SO NOW AND ASKS THAT DISCLOSURE BE DEFERRED. FAHMY SUGGESTS EMBASSY BEIRUT SECURITY OFFICER, WHO ACCORDING HIS INFORMATION HAS TWICE SEEN GREEN CHEVROLET IN WHICH MELOY/WARING RODE, TALK DIRECTLY WITH ABU IYAD. FAHMY ALSO PROFESSES HAVE KNOWLEDGE FROM RELIABLE LEABNESE SOURCE THAT LEBANESE SOCIALIST ACTION FRONT, IN COLLUSION WITH DEUXIEME BUREAU OF LEBANESE ARMY, CHAMOUN AND THE SYRIANS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDERS.

2. IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY, I RAISED WITH FAHMY THE PLO SUGGESTION, THROUGH ITS SECRUTIIY CHANNEL, THAT WE

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COOPERATE ON THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE MELOY/WARING

ASSASSINATIONS AND THAT WE USE THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVT FOR THIS PURPOSE. I SAID YOU HAD ASKED ME TO CONVEY YOUR SINCERE THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP HE HAD GIVEN US IN CONNECTION WITH LEBANESE MATTERS AND THAT WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL. WE HOPE THAT HE WILL BE WILLING TO COOPERATE AGAIN IN PROVIDING EGYPTIAN GOOD OFFICES FOR PURPOSES OF THE INVESTIGATION. AS HE KNEW FROM EARLIER PERTINENT DISCUSSIONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WHATEVER INFORMATION THE PLO INVESTIGATION HAS ALREADY BROUGHT OUT. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME HAS PASSED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER PROGRESS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF IN IDENTIFYING OR PUNISHING THE ASSASSINS. IF HE WERE WILLING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF GOE ADVISED PLO THAT WE ARE PREPARED USE EGYPTIAN GOOD OFFICES TO COOPERATE IN THE INVESTIGATION. FAHMY'S REPLY WAS IMMEDIATE AND POSITIVE.

3. FIRST, HE SAID GOE IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP IN THE INVESTIGATION AND TO LEND ITS GOOD OFFICES TO FACILITATE COOPERATION WITH THE PLO. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, WANT TO END UP WITH THE MURDERERS BEING SENT TO EGYPT, HAVING BEEN BURNED ONCE WITH THE KHARTOUM EIGHT, WHOM THE PRESIDENT HAD SHORTSIGHTEDLY ACCEPTED. I SAID THAT WE CERTAINLY HAVE NO SUCH INTENTION. WE BELIEVE THE PERPETRATORS SHOULD BE TRIED AND SEVERELY PUNISHED COMMENSURATE WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF THEIR CRIME.

4. SECOND, FAHMY AGAIN INSISTED THE PALESTINIANS HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE MURDERS. IN RESPONSE TO HIS EARLIER MESSAGE TO ABU IYAD (SALAH KHALAF) ASKING FOR INFORMATION, ABU IYAD HAD RECENTLY SEND HIM A THREE POINT REPLY. SUBSTANCE OF THAT REPLY WAS (A) GREEN CHEVROLET CAR IN WHICH MELOY/WARING WERE RIDING HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY PLO AND EMBASSY BEIRUT SECURITY OFFICER HAD TWICE BEEN TO SEE THE CAR TO EXAMINE IT. EMBASSY BEIRUT SECURITY OFFICER HAD THANKED PLO SECURITY CONTACT AND SEEMED SATISFIED. (B) THUS FAR THE ACTUAL KILLER OR KILLERS ARE NOT KNOWN, BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT THEY WERE FROM THE COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY OF LEBANON. EMBASSY BEIRUT HAS ALSO BEEN APPRISED OF THIS FACT. (C) ABU IYAD IS READY TO "EXPOSE"

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THE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED, BUT FOR POLITICAL REASONS IT IS DIFFICULT TO DO SO AT THIS TIME. ABU IYAD PLEADED THAT DISCLOSURE BE LEFT FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT ASSURED FAHMY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED ON AT A LATER STAGE.

5. THIRD, IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION, FAHMY PROPOSED THAT EMBASSY BEIRUT SECURITY OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED

TALK DIRECTLY WITH ABU IYAD. FAHMY SUGGESTED THAT PLO SECURITY MAN BE TOLD THAT HE, FAHMY, HAD PROPOSED THIS. I TOLD FAHMY I WOULD CONVEY HIS SUGGESTION, BUT HE WAS AWARE OF OUR PROBLEMS IN DEALING DIRECTLY WITH THE PLO, AND ESPECIALLY AT THE LEVEL THAT HE WAS SUGGESTING. FAHMY, NEVERTHELESS, INSISTED THIS WAS THE BEST WAY TO MAKE PROGRESS.

6. FINALLY, FAHMY PROFESSED TO HAVE BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED BY ANOTHER SOURCE -- A LEBANESE NAMED MUSTAFA, WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS THE LEHMAN BROS. REPRESENTATIVE IN BEIRUT--OF THE FACTS OF THE MURDER. THIS LEBANESE HAD ALSO CONFIRMED IT WAS NOT THE PALESTINIANS. INSTEAD IT WAS THE HIZB AL-AMAL AL-ISHTIRAKI (SOCIALIST ACTION FRONT--CAIRO 8297), ALONG WITH "SOME MEMBERS LEBANESE MILITARY AND OF THE DEUXIEME BUREAU OF THE LEBANESE ARMY." CHAMOUND AND THE SYRIANS HAD ALSO BEEN INVOLVED. THE SYRIANS HAD, IN FACT, BEEN RESPONSIBLE. ASKED WHAT SYRIANS HAD TO GAIN FROM SUCH AN ACT, FAHMY CONTENDED SYRIANS HAVE DELIBERATELY BEEN SEEKING TO KEEP LEBANON IN TURMOIL AND TO DISCREDIT THE PALESTINIANS IN AMERICAN EYES. HE CLAIMED HIS LEBANESE SOURCE, MUSTAFA, HAD BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE ALL DETAILS OF THE MELOY/WARING ROUTE, THE MISTAKEN RADIO TRANSMISSION INTERPRETATION FROM THE CAR AND VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS. I SUGGEST THAT MUCH OF THIS MATERIAL WAS AVAILABLE FROM THE PRESS, BUT FAHMY INSISTED MUSTAFA'S INFORMATION CAME DIRECTLY FROM SOME OF THE PERSONS INVOLVED AND THAT HE REGARDS IT AS RELIABLE. EILTS

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